

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

I am amazed at the cost of the extra fees added to my phone bill. Once all the taxes and fees are added, my local service goes from \$19.88 to \$33.65 once all fees totaling up to \$11.57 are added. This is a 34% increase. For long distance, this month my usage charges were \$19.89 plus \$2.87 in extra charges. Increasing these fees will make it more difficult, if not impossible for low income families to have a phone. As a nurse, I feel this is dangerous. A family without a phone cannot call 911 to get help in case of an emergency and will pay extra to use pay phones. Many people without phones have difficulty finding jobs. Please do not increase the USF fee. It will only hurt low-income families!

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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